

U.S. Army War College Command Sergeant Major

Command Sergeant Major Christopher M. Martinez

Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Martinez assumed responsibility as the Command Sergeant Major of the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., on June 26, 2015. In his most recent previous assignment, he served as the Command Sergeant Major for 1st Brigade United States Army Cadet Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

A native of Colorado Springs, Colorado, he began his career in the United States Army in 1989 upon the completion of Infantry Basic Training (OSUT) at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Throughout his career, he has held every leadership position in Infantry units including Infantry Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant, and Operations Sergeant Major. Additionally, he performed duties as an Observer and Controller at the National Training Center.

Command Sgt. Maj. Martinez has served in numerous units and countries throughout his career. Combat tours of duty include Operation Just Cause Panama, Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan, and three tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Previous assignments include 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Lewis, Washington; 3-325th Airborne Battalion Combat Team in Vicenza, Italy; F Company, 51st Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; E Company, 51st Infantry Regiment in Darmstadt, Germany; OPS Group National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California; 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment at Fort Carson, Colorado; 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment at Fort Carson, Colorado; 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment at Schweinfurt, Germany; 2nd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment at Vilseck, Germany; 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment and 6th Battalion, 4th Cavalry Regiment, both at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Command Sgt. Maj. Martinez is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Class 58, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, and Warrior Leaders Course. Additionally, he graduated from the Special Operations Military Free Fall Course and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course; the United States Air Force Joint Fire Power Control Course; Airborne Course, Jump Master Course, Ranger Course and the First Sergeant Course.

Command Sgt. Maj. Martinez holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College, New York.

Command Sgt. Maj. Martinez's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with V device, Bronze Star Medal (4 oak leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (6 oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (1 oak leaf cluster) and the Army Achievement Medal (2 oak leaf clusters). Moreover, he has been awarded the Expert Infantrymen Badge, Combat Infantrymen Badge (with star), Master Parachutist Badge (with Bronze Star-Combat Jump), HALO Badge and Ranger Tab. He is a member of the Orders of Saint Maurice, Saint George, the prestigious Sergeant Morales Club and an honorary member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.